



# Park Improvement Guidelines

Neighborhood grants for park improvements can vary widely in complexity, price, and public involvement requirements. Some examples include:

## Simple

- Picnic tables / seating
- Dog waste stations
- Trees
- Basketball goals
- Bleachers
- Bike racks

## Moderately Complex

- Playground equipment
- Shade structures
- Skate park elements
- Drinking fountains
- Sidewalks
- Trees/irrigation
- Trail/fitness stations

## Extensive

- Small community garden
- Modifications to existing park uses
- More lighting

## Not eligible:

- Bathrooms, dog parks

## Mandatory Requirements:

- ⇒ Must align with the Tempe's Parks Plan
- ⇒ Cannot obstruct pedestrian/ bike/ vehicle traffic.
- ⇒ Plan must show dimensions on sidewalks, playgrounds, etc. as well as how the project accommodates ADA accessibility.
- ⇒ Proposal costs should be all inclusive (design fees, fabrication, installation, engineering, barricading or other related expenses).
- ⇒ Requires city-led input process for large scale changes to the park

## Things to consider when developing a grant project application:

1. Have you reviewed the Parks Improvement Plan to see when improvements are scheduled for the park? Accessibility takes priority over park improvements.
2. Does the area being proposed for the improvement have a concrete path or lighting? Is it accessible via a wheelchair? If not, a path will likely be required; lighting if a structure is involved.
3. Is your park irrigated? Irrigated parks have special considerations for how an improvement may be sited in the park to take in consideration how the water flows, drainage, how the water may impact equipment/structures, etc.
4. Who uses the park? Is the park being considered used primarily by neighbors who walk to the park? Others that may drive?
5. How do people use the park? Will people lose access to an existing use as a result of the proposed project?
6. **Projects that are larger scale/extensive will be required to work with the Neighborhood Services Office to specifically survey impacted households to gauge a level of interest in the proposed improvements.** Staff will meet with you to develop a plan for how this takes place.

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